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1. REF A INDICATED PERTAMINA OFFICIAL WOULD BE INVITING SVN COUNTERPARTS TO TECHNICAL MEETING ON GVN/GOI CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE.

2. INDONESIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVE IN SAIGON, WHO WOULD BE CHANNEL FOR SUCH AN INVITATION, TOLD US JULY 9 HE HAD HEARD THAT, SINCE MANY OF THOSE INVOLVED ON GOI SIDE WERE ATTENDING LOS CONFERENCE IN CARACAS, IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO POSTPONE ISSUING INVITATION UNTIL THEY RETURN. (KNOWLEDGEABLE GVN OFFICIAL HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD US THAT IT COULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL RESPECTIVE EXPERTS WERE AVAILABLE.) END COMMENT.

4. TRAN VAN KHOI, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE NEWLY-CREATED PETROLEUM AND MINERALS AGENCY (FORMERLY NATIONAL PETROLEUM BOARD) TOLD US RECENTLY BEFORE LEAVING FOR CARACAS JUNE 30 THAT HE HAD HEARD AGIP HAD SHOWN PERTAMINA HIS MAY 18 LETTER (REF B). AGIP REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN TOLD IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT ITS CONCESSION WOULD BE CANCELLED IF IT REFUSED TO CONTINUE DRILLING IN THE DISPUTED AREA. KHOI ALSO STATED HE UNDERSTOOD AGIP WOULD CONTINUE EXPLORATORY DRILLING IN THE AREA.
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